ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Baptist Church at Flomaton, Escambia County, Ala.

September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1893.

OFFICERS.

J. E BELL, Moderator	Georgiana, Ala.
HARRY HENDERSON, Clerk	Brewton, Ala.
P. M. BRUNER, Treasurer	Evergreen, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with the church at Castleberry, Conecuh County, Ala., on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1894.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates
2. Election of officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Preaching.
4. Recognizing Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
5. Invitation to Ministers present, not delegated, to seats with us.
6. Apportionment of Committees to report during the session.
   Committees—
   1. Time and place
   2. Nomination.
   3. Apportionment.
   4. Finance.
7. Receiving New Churches.
8. Reports of Committees appointed at last session
9. Appointment of Committees to report at next session
10. Reports of Committees of the present session.
11. Motions and Resolutions.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Treasurer's Report.
14. Disbursements of Funds on hand.

NOMINATIONS FOR SESSION OF 1894.

State Missions—J. E. Cheatham, Georgiana; J. E. Deer, A. T. Simms.
Home Missions—A. J. Thames, Brewton, Wm. B. Ivy, J. A. Stallworth
Foreign Missions—G. R. Farnham, Evergreen, David Nicholson, J. D. Bryan.
Education—H. C. Sanders, Brewton; E. P. Lovelace, I. Spence.
Woman's Work—B. H. Crumption, Brewton; J. W. Stewart, B. B. McKenzie.
Temperance—C. S. Rabb, Evergreen; E. B. Lovelace, I. L. Taylor
Orphanage—J. W. Stewart, Evergreen; John M. Simms, W. R. Holder.
Sunday Schools—G. R. Farnham, Evergreen; W. H. Joyner, L. B. Choran.
Executive Committee—J. W. Stewart, Evergreen; U. C. Vinson, J. F. Fincher, G. R. Farnham, W. H. Strong, W. R. Martin.
To Preach Introductory Sermon—B. H. Crumpton, Brewton, Ala.
Missionary Sermon—J. E. Bell, Georgiana, Ala.

P. M. Bruner, Ch'n

MINUTES.

The Conecuh Baptist Association assembled for its seventh session with the Flomaton Baptist church, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, September 9th, 1893, was called to order by J. E. Bell, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by I. L. Taylor.

Letters were read and delegates enrolled from the different churches, as follows:

Antioch—Not represented.
Arkadelphia—George Lee, Wm. B. Ivy.
Beulah—I. B. Haygood.
Brewton—B. H. Crumpton, E. P. Lovelace, J. E. Deer, John Thames, A. Pitman, A. J. Thames, Harry Henderson.
Castleberry—D. L. Carter, W. T. Newberry.
Catawba Springs—J. W. Simmons, T. J. Godwin.
Chapman—Not represented.
Damascus—J. A. McCall.
Elim—E B. Lovelace, Perry Murphy, R. O. Connell, Mac. Parker.
Evergreen—J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, M. McCreary, Y. M. Rabb, P. M. Bruner, J. F. Jones, J. L. Locke, J. T. Fincher.
Flomaton—S. J. Stanton, M. A. Whitehurst, Jesse Emmons.
Georgiana—J. E. Bell, I. L. Taylor, A. T. Simms,
Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Joyner.
New Home—Not represented.
New Prospect—Not represented.
William's Station—J. D. Trammell, W. W. Lowery.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. E. Bell, Moderator, Harry Henderson, Clerk, P. M. Bruner, Treasurer.

The rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

The following Committee on Preaching was appointed: The Pastor and Deacons of the Flomaton church, together with Y. M. Rabb and P. M. Bruner.

J. H. Foster being absent, on motion the moderator appointed J. W. Stewart to preach the Introductory sermon.

B. F. Giles was recognized as representing the Howard College and as corresponding messenger from the Birmingham Association.

W. B. Crumpton as secretary of the State Mission Board.

R. W. Brooks as corresponding messenger from the Pensacola Bay Association.

C. W. Hare as representing the Alabama Baptist and the Judson Institute.

The ministers present, not delegated, were welcomed to seats in the Association.

The following committees to report at this session were appointed:

On Time and Place—J. E. Deer, J. T. Fincher, R. O. Connell.
On Nomination—P. M. Bruner, I. B. Haygood, Jesse Emmons.
On Apportionment—C. S. Rabb, D. L. Carter, M. A. Whitehurst.
On Finance—E. B. Lovelace, M. McCreary, J. F. Jones.

A. T. Simms offered the following Report on State Missions:

STATE MISSIONS.

Notwithstanding the Lord of the harvest has said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," some of our people although missionary in name are opposed to Foreign Missions. In the main the opposition grows out of their ignorance of the awful condition of benighted heathen. But when it comes to the wants of our home people we are familiar with these. And we are in sympathy with our work at home, not because it is more important than the work beyond the seas, but because we are more familiar with and constantly confronted by the conditions of destitution and crying needs of our home people. Hence we never hear of opposition to our State mission work, unless it is some slight opposition to the methods of proceeding about the work. We can not, we dare not oppose a work the necessity of which we clearly see, and upon which the blessings of God manifestly rest.

Eighteen years ago our organized State mission work began. Many thought the work would last but a short time. Some thought the money given in this direction was thrown away. But as the work progressed, as many and vast destitutions were met, as souls were converted, churches constituted and the desert places made to bloom like the rose, doubts and criticisms gave way.

During the past year 50 persons have been employed by the Board for a part or all of their time. These laborers have rendered 5,443 days of labor, traveled 24,884 miles, preached 2,224 sermons, constituted 12 churches, baptized 198 souls, while 240 were baptized in connection with their labors. Besides this a vast amount of work of various kinds was rendered which can not be given in this report.

Your committee are of the opinion and would recommend that a missionary be employed to devote his whole time to mission and colportage work in this Association.

A. T. Sims, Chairman.

The report was laid on table to be taken up in connection with the reports on Home and Foreign Missions.

In the absence of the committee, Y. M. Rabb was appointed to make the report on Education.

Marcellus McCreary offered the following report on Foreign Missions:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Just one hundred years ago, William Carey, a Baptist minister, went as the first missionary to the heathen. This may be termed the birth of Foreign Missions in modern times. Looking now to the past spread of the gospel, and seeing the great and noble work that is being done for the enlightenment and advancement of the heathen—both socially and religiously—we as Baptists should feel justly proud and act worthily of the share that we have had in it. Now in the face of this noblest of works that has been done toward disseminating the gospel among the pagan and papal countries—some of which, up to a few years ago, allowed no intercourse with the outer world through the influence brought to bear by Christian nations, and missionaries, have thrown open their gates to commerce and social intercourse with the rest of the world; and the missionaries of the cross may and can go and carry the blessed words of the gospel to every nation and people in the world except the small country of Thibet. Now seeing what has been done in the past, and is being done in the present, this year, shall we fail to do our duty—fail to help carry on this great work—and the direct commands of our Lord Jesus? Can we afford not to help with our means and our prayers? That command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," has been ringing down through all the ages since, and is as urgent upon us—you and me—to-day as ever it was upon Paul and the other apostles. The Southern Baptist Convention supports missionaries in the papal countries of Italy, Brazil and Mexico; in the pagan countries of China, Japan and Africa.

The statistics for the past year show 92 missionaries; 78 native helpers, 75 organized churches with a membership of 2,923. They had 383 baptisms last year and contributed $5,368 42. Now of the 24 churches represented in this association last year, 16 reported nothing having been paid for Foreign Missions. These sixteen churches comprise 1,170 members of this Missionary Baptist Association. Can we really be Missionary Baptists and do this way? This question may be asked. Have Christians any responsibility in this matter who cannot go to carry the good news to foreign lands? Yes! For how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent? It is our duty to send, and God says "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;" also, "Ask of me and I will give the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of earth for thy possession."

The report was laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the reports on State and Home Missions.

A. T. Simms presented the following report on Woman's Work:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work cannot do better than to give some liberal extracts from the reports on Home and Foreign Missions made before our last Southern Baptist Convention.

"Each year brings us under increased obligations to these noble, Christian women, not only for the handsome sums they turn into our treasury, but also for the efficiency with which they scatter mission literature, and educate the people to a more intelligent acquaintance with our great mission fields, and consequently more readiness to contribute to the support of our missionaries. These tireless hand-maidens of the Lord have accomplished a wonderful work as the figures show But they do not tell of the blessed influence they have sent out, and the important help they have rendered to all missionaries as they have circulated hundreds of thousands of pages of mission literature, written thousands of letters, edited mission columns in the various papers of the land, organized societies, trained mission hands of children, sent sunshine into the homes of many of our missionaries by their valuable boxes, created and fostered the mission spirit, and performed much other labor which statistics cannot give, but whose record is on high; and concerning which the Master has doubtless said, "She hath done what she could."

During the past year our women have raised for Foreign Missions $36,042.78, an increase of more than $11,000 over the preceding year. For Home Missions they have raised $26,283 97, making a total for our mission work of $62,326.75.

If any one in our churches is disposed to think lightly of Woman's Work let them candidly and prayerfully consider the above figures.

Let every pastor organize where it is practical a woman's society, and urge the circulation of their mission literature.

A. T. Sims, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, A. T. Simms and Y. M. Rabb and was then adopted.

Y. M. Rabb offered the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is no one subject now before the Baptists of Alabama more important than Denominational Education.

We have, at Marion, Ala., the Judson Institute, which has so long and so well educated the daughters of Alabama. This institution stands so high, not only in Alabama, but throughout the South, that it needs no words of praise from me.

The Howard College, at East Lake, which was established by our fathers, for the education of our young men, is faithfully fulfilling the mission. We had last year twenty-five young ministers in Howard College, and nine in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, preparing for the Master's work.

Brethren, let us give these institutions our hearty co-operation and support.

Y. M. Rabb, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by B. F. Giles, H. C. Sanders, C. S. Rabb, J. F. Jones and W. B. Crumpton, and was then adopted.

The following pledges were taken from the churches for Ministerial Education:

Beulah, $1 00; Brewton, $25 00; Castleberry, $5.00; Damascus, $5.00; Dunham, $5.00; Elim, $10 00; Evergreen, $50.00; Flomaton, $5.00; Georgiana, $20.00; Williams' Station, $5.00.

On motion of J. W. Stewart it was ordered that the subject of Missions, State, Home and Foreign, be taken up Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion, J. A. McCall was excused from the Association.

The report on Temperance was presented by Y. M. Rabb, was spoken to by Y. M. Rabb and W. B. Crumpton, and its further discussion was postponed until the evening session when W. B. Crumpton was to have the floor.

The committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, at Baptist church—B. H. Crumpton.
" " " Methodist church—J. E. Bell.
" evening, 7:30 o'clock, at Baptist church—W. B. Crumpton.
" " " Methodist church—J. E. Deer.

On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by J. W. Stewart, to meet after the introductory sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The subject of Temperance was discussed by W. B. Crumpton.

On motion, the report on Temperance was re-committed and J. W. Stewart was added to that committee.

On motion, R. O. Connell was excused from the Association.

On motion, it was ordered that the Association meet at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning for the discussion of the subject of Sunday Schools.

In the absence of all of the committee on Sunday Schools, a committee consisting of the following was appointed to report Sunday morning: J. T. Fincher, C. S. Rabb, E. P. Lovelace.

The Association then adjourned, with prayer by A. T. Simms, to meet at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and was led in prayer by J. E. Deer.

J. T. Fincher offered the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nearly all of our churches express their hearty approval of the study of God's revealed will and contend that we, as a peculiar people, should contend for the teaching of the whole truth of divine revelation. Is there any time and place better adapted to the study of our Master's will than each Lord's day in the house dedicated to his service. If the membership of any church can attend preaching one Sunday in the month can there be any reason given why they could not meet the other days that God has hallowed to seek to know and do his will?

Every Sunday School should constitute in its attendance the entire membership of the church. Only one church in the Association has reached the standard to report as many in Sunday School as the membership. Any church can have a Sunday School. Each home should be a Bible school.

We commend the Convention series of literature published at Nashville, Tenn.

The report was spoken to by its chairman, W. B. Crumpton, J. W. Stewart, H. C. Sanders, and was then adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by J. W. Stewart, until 8:30 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 8:30 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Deer.

Journal of preceding days read, corrected and approved.

Petitionary letter from Chapman church was presented, and on motion, that church was admitted to the Association.

B. H. Crumpton offered the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance and necessity for temperance are too obvious to occupy space on the minutes, or to consume the time of this Association for discussion,

The most practical and effective methods for its accomplishment are those things which call for our wisdom and efforts.

To say that the churches of Jesus Christ in their pulpit ministrations, Sabbath School instructions, discipplinary actions and distribution of their literature through colportuers and otherwise, are the primary methods of temperaance action, none will dare deny; and that they are grossly remiss in their duties in this direction, and hence culpable before God and man, is sufficiently patent to call for rebuke; yet, to confine the reform efforts to this source would be exceedingly unwise and impractical. The church of God, who are the salt of the earth, while they are to keep themselves strictly separate from state or general government, are expected by their influence in other spheres of person activities, to evoke and invoke all the talent, energies and powers from any and every direction. The governments of men are organized for protection of life, liberty and property. They have the right and power to legislate for restraint upon human passions and enterprises, social, civil and financial, so that the lessons of Christianity may take root and ripen into a harvest of fruitage for good. The church has a right and is under moral obligations to petition governments, to enact measures to facilitate the progress of any or all of her endeavors for good. This has been done and should be again.

That there should be organized effort on the part of society outside of churches, and a continued, judicious agitation of this question, is absolutely necessary for holding the vantage ground already obtained.

Your committee would urge upon the churches the importance of emphasizing this subject, by special instruction, prompt dealing with vendors and intemperate persons, and advocating and enforcing upon all the principle of "total abstinence."

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON.

The report was adopted.

J. W. Stewart presented the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphan's Home was opened on the 8th day of March, of the present year, at Evergreen, where it had been temporarily located by the trustees.

There are at present sixteen needy children who have been gathered up from various parts of the State, being cared for in the house.

For furnishing and supporting the house there has been collected and paid out five hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-one cents ($554.41). They occupy a small rented house that leaks badly. They must have a permanent house. This Association, which took the first step toward actually supporting the house, should now be first to help secure a permanent home for these poor children.

J. W. STEWART, Chairman.

After much discussion the report was adopted, with the following resolutions, which were also offered by J. W. Stewart:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God the Baptist Orphanage has been established at Evergreen, in the bounds of this Association; and,

WHEREAS, The Baptist State Convention, at its next session on November 7th, will decide where this home shall be permanently located; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in the judgment of this Association, Evergreen is a suitable place for the permanent location of the Baptist Orphanage.

2. That we pledge the support of the Conecuh Association to the home.

3. That our churches be requested to take regular collections for this object.

4. That a committee be appointed to canvass the churches between this time and the Convention and try to secure pledges for purchasing a suitable location in our bounds and that said committee report to the Convention the wishes of this body and what they have done.

A. T. Simms offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed to confer together and promulgate any proposition that may be made to the Convention looking to the location of the Orphanage, viz: J. W. Stewart, W. T. Smith, B. B. McKenzie, E. P. Lovelace, P. M. Bruner, U. C. Vinson, W. M. Flowers.

The following resolution, offered by B. H. Crumpton, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conecuh Association recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Orphan's Home, the appointment of Rev. J. W. Stewart, as a suitable man for the permanent management of the Home.

A collection, amounting to $11.00, was taken for the Orphan's Home.

The special order being the consideration of the subject of Missions, I. L. Taylor presented the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1, 8.

Here is divine authority for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The Home Board has for her field all the territory embraced by the Southern Baptist Convention, which extends from Maryland to Texas, and from Missouri to California, Cuba, among the Indians of the West, and the colored people of the South.

This Board has 368 missionaries at work in the following States and Territories, viz.: Alabama 1, Arkansas 24, Cuba 20, Florida 42, District of Columbia 4, Georgia 19, Indian Territory 16, Kentucky 9, Louisiana 22, Maryland 3, Missouria 7, Oklahoma 8, Tennessee 6, Texas 127, Virginia 2, West Arkansas and Indian Territory 38, West North Carolina 20, West Virginia 2. These missionaries of the board have rendered services during the year as follows, viz.: Weeks of labor, 14,014; sermons and addresses. 38,007; prayer meetings, 12.594; baptized, 5,111; total additions, 9,604; churches constituted, 155; houses of worship built, 92; Bibles and Testaments, 1,748.

From these facts and figures we learn that the Lord has greatly blessed the labors and expenditures of the board whereof we are glad. Let each Association, church and individual undertake more for God, expecting more from God.

I. L. Taylor.

The reports on State and Foreign Missions, in connection with that on Home Missions, were spoken to by W. B. Crumpton, C. S. Rabb, P. M. Bruner, C. W. Hare, B. H. Crumpton, J. W. Stewart.

The reports were then adopted.

J. W. Stewart offered the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee have to report, that owing to a balance due Bro. E. F. Baber, who was missionary pastor in our Association last year, and the indisposition of many of our churches to help pay that balance, no one has been employed this year. That balance has been paid, and your committee now recommend that the Association secure an active man as missionary and colporteur, and put him at once in the field, in co-operation with the State Board of Missions.

J. W. Stewart, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Time and Place offered the following:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We recommend that the Association meet, with the church at Castleberry, at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1894.

J. E. DEER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

On motion the name of the committee on Program was changed to committee on Nominations.

P. M. Bruner offered the report of the committee on Nominations which was adopted as it appears on front cover of this journal.

The committee offered the following:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Greenville	$ 200 00
Evergreen	400 00
Brewton	125 00
Georgiana	75 00
Fairfield	15 00
Antioch	10 00
New Prospect	10 00
Bruners' Creek	10 00
Johnsonville	5 00
Union	5 00
Brooklyn	20 00
Arkadelphia	20 00
Catawba Springs	20 00
New Hope	10 00
Brushy Creek	10 00
Cedar Creek	5 00
Bethsaida	5 00
Mt. Carmel	15 00
Damascus	15 00
Old Town	5 00
Dunham	10 00
Elim	40 00
New Home	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	5 00
Flomaton	10 00
Castleberry	10 00
Chapman	10 00
Total	$1070 00

The report was adopted.

The committee on Finance offered the following:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

There has been paid over to your committee, viz:

	CASH	VOUCHERS
Home Missions	$ 5 35	$ 37 57
Foreign Missions	9 60	48 14
State Missions	10 40	161 93
Howard College		164 00
Judson Institute.		
Ministerial Education	2 50	79 88
Cuban Girl		19 07
Minutes	22 90	
Bible and Colportage		10 42
Centennial	22 15	189 60
Centennial Home Missions		156 20
Centennial Foreign Missions		256 25
Missions—Undesignated	40 35	
Theological Seminary—Endowment		10 00
From Sunbeams—for Foreign Missions—Cent		29 46
From Sunbeams—for Home Missions		5 79
From Sunday school for State Missions	2 25	3 70
From Sunday school for Foreign Missions		4 92
From Sunday school for Foreign Missions—Cen		3 41
From Womans' Society for Foreign Missions		41 00
From Womans Society for Missions—Cen		65 50
From Womans Society for Home Missions		83 25
From Womans Society for Home Missions--Cen		55 00
From Womans Society for Church Repairs		70 00
For Orphans Home		47 55
For Associational Purposes	1 25	
From Sunbeams for Centennial fund		12 00
From Sunbeams for Japan xmas offering		13 12
From Sunbeams for Building fund		5 00
From Sunbeams for Sunbeam Missionary		5 00
From Sunbeams for China Missions		8 00
From Sunbeams for Orphanage		1 00
From Ladies Aid Society for Charity		5 00
General Collection	15 59	
Total	$ 132 34	$ 1591 76
Grand total		$1724 10

Above amount has been turned over to your treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. LOVELACE,
MARCELLUS MCCREARY,
J. F. JONES,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

P. M. Bruner offered the following:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 11, 1893.

Amount received from Finance committee:	
To cash	$ 132 34
To vouchers	1591 76
Total	$ 1724 10

The report was adopted.

On motion, J. E. Bell was appointed delegate and J. W. Stewart alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1894,

On motion, the following were appointed to the Alabama State Convention in 1893.

DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES
J. W. STEWART,	WM. B. IVY,
B. H. CRUMPTON,	M. MCCREARY,
C. S. RABB,	L. B. CHORAN,
A. T. SIMMS,	W. H. JOYNER,
A. J. THAMES,	E. P. LOVELACE,
J. E. BELL,	M. A. WHITEHURST,
J. E. DEER,	P. M. BRUNER,
I. L. TAYLOR,	M. E B. ROBINSON,
J. T. FINCHER,	J. SPENCE,
GEORGE LEE,	E. B. LOVELACE.

P. M. Bruner offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved—That the thanks of this association be tendered the Baptist church, the Methodists for their church and the good people of Flomaton for the kind hospitality extended to us during this association.

A collection of $2.00 was taken and added to the minute fund.

On motion the clerk was instructed to write to the churches, not represented at this association, to send up minute money.

On motion the association adjourned with prayer by W. B. Crumpton, to meet at Castleberry, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1894.

J. E. BELL, Moderator.

HARRY HENDERSON, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the "Conecuh Baptist Association," who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be merely an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles to this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. Its principal business shall be to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, especially with those united in the Association.

ART. 3. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every twenty-five (or fractional part) over fifty members an additional delegate. Through them shall be transmitted to every annual session of this Association a letter specifying the names of their messengers, number in fellowship, excluded, restored, deceased, licensed or ordained to preach the gospel since last session; also postoffice, Sabbath of meeting, by whom supplied, amount paid pastor, and the amount contributed for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body, and the number, average and attendance at Sabbath-schools, also name of Sunday-school superintendent.

ART. 4. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bringing petitionary letters, if upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox. The Moderator shall be elected by, and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all the subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the proceedings and discharge such other duties as may pertain to his office. A statistical secretary shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep the statistics of this Association. Also, a treasurer shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to receive all money belonging to the Association and disburse it as directed by the body, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 5. The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session in proportion to the Minute Fund sent up by each individual church.

ART. 6. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of churches, and all money raised during the year for any kind of missionary, education, or any other kind of benevolent purposes, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and a duplicate receipt taken by each church and the receipt deposited with the Treasurer of this Association.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keek a regular file of printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

ART. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which it is authorized to form and amend according to its own views.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. At every annual meeting of the Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until the new ones are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

4. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak on the points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal from the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

5. He shall rise to put a qnestion, but may state it sitting.

6. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of contraay opinions, no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide: those voting in the affirmative shall first arise from their seats, and afterwards those voting in the negative.

7. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

8. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. The Treasurer shall receive, account for, and pay out all moneys belonging to this body according to the instruction of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

11. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

12. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there is no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; otherwise he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member objects without leave of the Association.

13. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

14. No member shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

15. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association for special reason excuse him.

16. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the chair, or, if in writing, handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debate.

17. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the chair or any member desire it.

18. After a motion is stated by the chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

19. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then the main question.

23. No motion or a proposition on a different subject from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, or leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

26. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION.

L. B. Choran	Bolling, Alabama.
B. H. Crumpton	Brewton, "
John E. Deer	" "
A. J. Thames	" "
F. W. Abbott	Pollard, "
R. C. Kirkland	Volina, "
J. W. Stewart	Evergreen, "
J. E. Bell	Georgiana, "
I. L. Taylor	" "
A. T. Simms	" "

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Churches.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Missions undesignat'd.	Bible and Colportage.		Education.					
										Ministerial		College Building.		Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.	
	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r		Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r
Antioch															
Arkadelphia	....	.....	.....	.....	$ 3 25										
Beulah															
Brewton		$21 43	.....	$14 78	.....	$12 05	$21 65	.....	$ 2 92	.....	$ 8 18	...	$ 7 25		
Castleberry	$ 4 00	.....	$ 1 35	1 65	2 35	65	.....	...	.....	....	5 00				
Catawba Springs	2 00														
Chapman															
Damascus															
Elim	....	9 47	....	4 38	..	5 42	18 20	.....	2 53	....	5 00				
Evergreen	....	118 45	....	10 75	....	22 08	.....	.....	4 41		50 00	.....	156 75	....	$10 00
Flomaton	.....	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	$ 2 50					
Georgiana	.....	7 14	.....	17 26	....	17 94	50	...	56	....	5 00				
Mt. Pleasant	2 25														
New Home															
New Prospect	2 15														
Williams Station	.....	5 00	4 00	.....	3 50										
Total	$10 40	161 49	$ 5 35	$48 82	$ 9 10	$58 14	$40 35	....	$10 42	$ 2 50	$73 18	.....	164 00	....	$10 00

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Associat'nal Purposes.	Sunday School.		Women's Society.			Centennial Missions.	Sunbeams.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, fuel, the poor, etc.	Value of buildings and furniture.
			Benevolence.	School Exp'nses	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Other purposes.						
			Cash Vouch'r		Vouchers.			Cash Vouch'r	V'ch'r				
Antioch	$ 75	...	....	....	...	.....	...	....	.....	....	....	$ 75			
Arkadelphia	1 00	.....	...	....	...	.....	...	....	..	$ 3 81	....	8 06	.....	.....	$ 200 00
Beulah	1 00	.....	...	..	...	.....	...	....	...	.....	.....	1 00	$ 100 00	.....	1000 00
Brewton	2 50	$ 1 25	...	.....	$23 25	$ 44 05	$ 9 07	$ 5 00	....	53 28	$44 12	270 78	600 00	$ 57 60	1000 00
Castleberry	50	.....	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	....	....	15 50			
Catawba Springs	1 00	...	$ 2 25	.....	..	.....	...	...	....	..	....	5 25	60 00		
Chapman	1 20	....	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 65	....	....	2 85			
Damascus	3 00	.....	...	.....	....	.....	...	.....	....	.....	....	3 00	75 00		
Elim	2 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 15	50 13		119 78	200 00		1000 00
Evergreen	5 00	.....	....	$13 28	....	138 25	106 50	70 00	..	412 45	35 25	1153 17	1000 00	213 82	3000 00
Flomaton	1 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	3 50	60 00	150 00	650 00
Georgiana	2 50	.....	....	21 41	12 45	.....	...	...	....	37 86	.....	122 62	400 00	.....	2500 00
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	.....	....	...	....	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	3 25	...	....	200 00
New Home															
New Prospect	70	.....	.....	...	..	.....	...	....	.....	.....	....	2 85			
Collection at Ass'n	1 75	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.	....	.....	....	14 25	120 00		
Williams Station	2 60														
Total	$28 00	$ 1 25	$ 2 25	$34 69	$35 70	$ 182 30	$115 57	$75 00	$23 80	557 53	$79 37	$1726 61	$2615 00	$421 42	$9550 00

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Church.	Sunday School: Superintendent.	Superintend't's postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in library.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
Antioch						2d.		Yes
Arkadelphia	W. J. Dunklin	Evergreen, Ala	6	15		3d.		
*Bethsaida				38				
Beulah	Mrs. C. Robers'n	Jayville, Ala	2	15				Yes
Brewton	M. F. Brooks	Brewton, Ala	14	158		1st & 3d	Yes	Yes
*Brooklyn	L. J. Raburn	Brooklyn, Ala		30				
*Brushy Creek								
Castleberry	W. R. Watson	Castleberry	5	31		4th.		Yes
Catawba Springs	W. J. Jackson	Herrington	2	20		2d.		
*Cedar Creek	R. H. Comer	Volina	3	40		2d.		
Chapman	W. T. Smith	Chapman		50		3d.	Yes	
*Damascus	E. C. Clayton	Brooklyn	4	45				
*Dunham	J. C. Moore.	Dunham						
Elim	R. S. Parker	Roberts	12	75		4th.		
Evergreen	C. S. Rabb	Evergreen	17	120		Every	Yes	Yes
*Fairfied								
Flomaton							Yes	
Georgiana	U. C. Vinson	Georgiana	9	70		2d & 4th	Yes	
*Greenville	J. M. Dill	Greenville	15	135		Every	Yes	
*Johnsonville								
*Mt. Carmel	M.E.B. Robinson	Garland	5	30				
Mt. Pleasant	J. H. Johnson	Shell	3	5		3d.		
New Home						3d.		
*New Hope								
New Prospect	L. G. Womack	Georgiana	4	15				
*Old Town								
*Union	J. C. Stuckey	Garland	4	25				
Williams Station	W. W. Lowery.	Williams Sta	5	48		1st		
Total			110	965				

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STATISTICS OF CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Postoffice.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership last reported.	Increase by				Decre'se by				Present membership.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experi'nce	Restorat'n	Letter.	Exclusion	Erasure.	Death.	
Antioch	Butler	L. B. Choran.	A. J. Stanford.	Bolling			51	4			4	2	4			53
Arkadelphia	Conecuh	J. H. Higdon	J. M. Dunklin	Evergreen			44	6	1			1				50
*Bethsaida	"	S. Moore	J. D. Edeker	Sepulga			20	2								22
Beulah	"	J. E. Bell.	I. B. Haygood	Evergreen			13		2			1				14
Brewton	Escambia	B. H. Crumpton	J. M. Rabb	Brewton			171	5	12			10	1			177
*Brooklyn	Conecuh		G. R. Boulware	Brooklyn			89	9								98
*Brushy Creek	Butler		E. H. Hudson	Georgiana			48	5								53
Castleberry	Conecuh	A. J. Thames	W. R. Watson.	Castleberry			22	9	3							34
Catawba Springs	Escambia	W. H. Joyner	T. J. Godwin	Pollard			75	6	3			3	13		1	67
*Cedar Creek	Conecuh	R. C. Kirkland	M. C. Kirkland	Volina			75	8								83
Chapman	Butler	J. Faulkner	S. D. Sawyer	Chapman			30									30
*Damascus	Escambia		E. C. Clayton	Brooklyn			69	7								76
*Dunham	Butler		B. B. McKenzie	Dunham			29	3								32
Elim	Escambia	B. H. Crumpton	L. B. Parker	Roberts			136	2							1	137
Evergreen	Conecuh	J. W. Stewart	J. F. Jones	Evergreen			210	17	12		2	22		1	2	216
*Fairfield	"		A. H. Stokes	Beets			84	9								93
Flomaton	Escambia	A. J. Thames	S. J. Stanton	Flomaton			42		6		1	3	3			43
Georgiana	Butler	B. H. Crumpton	A. N. Glenn	Georgiana			128		1			15	2		3	109
*Greenville	"		D. N. Nicholson	Greenville			199	19								218
*Johnsonville	Conecuh		C. C. Brawner.	Johnsonville			28	3								31
*Mt. Carmel	Butler		W. J. Nicholson	Garland			47	5								52
Mt. Pleasant	"	W. H. Joyner.	J. T. Joyner	Shell			21	24	5		3					53
New Home	Conecuh	L. B. Choran	R. C. Lee	Rat			68	3	2			3	1			69
*New Hope	"		M. A. Love	Commerce			63	7								70
New Prospect	Butler	A. A. Simms.	H. F. Gamble.	Georgiana			87				1	9	4			75
*Old Town	Conecuh		F. M. Deer	Herbert			85	8								93
*Union	"		M. A. Ray	Sepulga			52	5								57
Williams Station	Escambia	D. R. Cooper	N. S. Ashley	Williams Sta			38	4				2	3	3	1	33
Total							1994	80	47		11	71	31	4	8	1160

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